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### Plowing into winter

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/Darren Lum Staff

## New property cements Winterdance's future

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Winterdance Dogsled Tours owners Hank DeBruin and his wife Tanya McCready DeBruin may never have been able to control the weather for close to 20 years in business, but they have seized control of their future with the purchase of 2,000 acres at the edge of Haliburton Lake.

Situated on the southeast corner of the lake next to Algonquin Park, their property includes lakes, ponds and wetlands accessed off of Hodgson Drive.

When the opportunity to purchase land came up, it made the Winterdance owners look at the future more closely.

"It made us look at, 'how long do we want to do this?' The answer is a long time," Tanya said.

"With that in mind, buying a piece of property was the next logical step."

The process for purchase took more than a year and a half from the time they first saw the property to when everything was finalized, she said.

"It was a very tedious, drawn-out, long process," she said.

She jokes about how well versed she and Hank are now when it comes to municipal bylaws, official plans, zoning and financing.

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## Province invests in county tourism

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

The Haliburton County tourism department got a cash infusion at the end of 2014 to help with some past and future projects.

On Dec. 18, the provincial government announced that \$32,000 was being allocated to Haliburton County through the Rural Economic Development Program.

The funding is specifically going towards new welcome signage for the county, public relations for the county's new food initiative, bilingual advertising and part of the 2014 Hike Haliburton Festival, said Amanda Ranson, the county's tourism director.

"It's matching dollars," she said. "So it's \$32,000 but we also have to put in \$32,000 to get that funding."

Ranson applied for the grant herself and is thrilled the county was successful.

"Really excited," she said about the funding announcement. "It definitely allows us to do more things in 2015."

This marks the first time the county has applied for this specific grant, as far as Ranson is aware.

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The Winterdance Dogsled Tours owners/operators Hank DeBruin and wife Tanya McCready DeBruin, stand in front of their recently constructed 900 square-foot welcome centre. They have purchased 2,000 acres at the edge of Haliburton Lake. After months of trail work, their property offers 35 kilometres of trail (not including up to 10 kilometres when waterways freeze over) includes ponds, wetlands and two lakes, which is accessed by Hodgson Drive.  
/Darren Lum Staff

# DeBruin takes missing this year's Quest in stride

from page 1

Their "champions" in all of this was the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, Paul Wilson, Jeff Wilson and David Shapira.

The couple was happy with their previous land owners, the Bishops, whom they leased property from, but owning property gives them a security for the business and a future for their eldest son, Logan. He has expressed interest in taking over the family business and in becoming musher like his dad. The couple will continue to be part of the business for the near future.

"Definitely we see [ourselves] stepping back some over the years, but we love what we do. We love the dogs. We love the land," she said.

Their new location will include a larger welcome centre: a recently constructed 900 square foot, open-concept, one-storey wood structure heated by a wood-stove that will also house much of Hank's racing memorabilia from the past several years. Hank calls the centre an added touch for visitors. This centre will be an ongoing project, but is being used this season.

"[We] had great trails and great people to work with, but it's nice to have the peace of mind and security. We're set now. We have a home base," Hank said.

The newly acquired property is being considered for horse tours when they're not running the dogs. However that is a long-term future plan.

After a few tours this season, Hank is already in love with the terrain of his property.

"It's awesome. It's perfect," he said. For the past three months Hank and sons Logan and Dustyn, and Nathan Tooze have trail blazed and completed close to 35 kilometres of trails, which is 50 per cent more than what they had at their

previous location.

The tour offerings won't change (half day and full day), but there will be greater route options on any given day.

Hank expects an additional five to 10 kilometres more trail when the lakes, ponds and wetlands freeze, but also sees limitless opportunities for trail combinations, depending on direction.

As far as racing this season for the veteran musher of the Iditarod and the Yukon Quest, Hank isn't certain what he'll enter since the Seney 300, a race commonly used to prepare for the Iditarod, was cancelled. With a late start to training for the Yukon Quest, due in part by the work he had to put to creating the trail network and the welcome centre for the new property, Hank decided against racing in the epic race this year.

Eldest son Logan was also set to race in the Seney 300, but the cancellation is making the junior DeBruin look elsewhere on the dogsledging calendar.

Hank is pragmatic about missing the Quest and has every intention of returning.

"This is our bread and butter. Work comes before play, right? Next year we'll be back," he said.

See [www.winterdance.com](http://www.winterdance.com) for more information.

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**This is our bread and butter. Work comes before play, right? Next year we'll be back.**

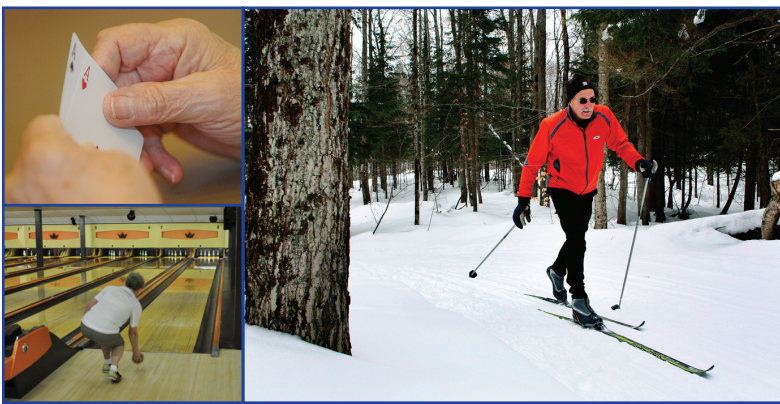
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on the Yukon Quest dogsled race

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# County celebrates 50 years of library system

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

On Jan. 1, 1965, a bylaw signed by Haliburton County Warden Art Tompsett and clerk Frank Welch came into effect, forever changing the way books were loaned in Haliburton County.

Fifty years ago last week the first county library service was created in Haliburton County, paving the pathway for the library branch system that still exists to this day.

Today that system includes eight library branches throughout the county, all of which have existed for more than 50 years, said Haliburton County Public Library CEO Bessie Sullivan.

"I know Minden has had a library for more than 100 years," said Sullivan.

According to the original bylaw, the library service was created as the result of 75 per cent of the municipalities in the county having requested a county library service.

"Be it therefore, enacted that in accordance with said salute, the corporation of the provisional county of Haliburton establishes a county library service and shall annually in each year, levy the sum of twenty-five cents per capita to provide such service," reads the bylaw.

On Feb 4, 1965, the Haliburton County Library Board, appointed by county council, met at the Minden library for their first meeting, according to minutes taken at the meeting.

Members included Evelyn Hewitt, Noel McNeill, Irene Moore, Charles Brandon, Bill Cowen, Gary Agnew and Bert Curry.

Today the library system is still governed by a board, comprised of the four municipal deputy-reeves and public appointees. The warden acts as the ex-officio.

According to Sullivan, there are only about 14 county library systems in the province of Ontario and 380 library boards.

"It's unique in that sense," says the CEO in regards to Haliburton's system. "I'm in favour of county systems. To me it's economies of scale ... when you take four small municipalities like these and combine them it just makes a whole lot more sense."

Another advantage to a county system is stronger buying power, says the CEO.

While there are few disadvantages to a county library system, one primary one is occasionally being penalized when funding opportunities come up, said Sullivan.

"When there's a base funding per municipality, sometimes the county systems get counted once instead of four times," said Sullivan.

Changes to the county system over the years have included having a second professional librarian on staff, which occurred about four years ago, as well as increasing the overall collection size.

Today the collection has about 50,000 items.



**Angelica Blenich Staff**

Mary Packard, 93, is an avid reader who is looking forward to enjoying her new book, *I Am Malala*. Packard served as the Haliburton County librarian from the early 1970s until she retired in 1986.

New branches in Minden, Haliburton and Wilberforce have been built in the past six years, with the new library in Wilberforce being completed in June 2014.

Smaller branches still exist in Stanhope, Dorset, Goderham, Cardiff and Highland Grove.

"The standard in Ontario is that you're trying to give people a library within a half hour's driving distance," said Sullivan.

While libraries are beloved by both the young and old, finding funding for the institutions is always a struggle and a problem not unique to Haliburton.

"People understand the value of libraries, nobody would say they're not valuable to the community, but when it comes to paving roads and funding police and ambulance that has to take priority," she said.



The new library in Wilberforce opened its doors in June 2014. The library is the most recent branch to be built in Haliburton County. /File photo

Just over 10 years ago the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library formed, raising funds for the library branches through book sales, events and an annual gala.

CEO of the county library system since 2009, Sullivan was preceded by Joel Levis, who served as head librarian from 1986-2008.

Levis followed in the footsteps of Mary Packard, one of the first to oversee the branch system.

Arriving to Haliburton in 1970, Packard was a war bride, landing in Canada with her husband Russell, who was from Haliburton.

Originally from Scotland, Packard soon found herself raising three children and in need of work.

She was hired to be the county librarian, working in the position until her retirement in 1986.

"I enjoyed the little libraries," said Packard. "I had my car and went around to them."

Packard fondly remembers hosting a spring luncheon that brought together librarians from all the branches.

"It was nice to get them together," she said.

Thinking back to the time, Packard, 93, thoroughly enjoyed getting up every day and going to work.

"It was so interesting," she said. "I'm really fortunate, I get along well with people."

Living in town Packard still makes trips to the library when she can and reads newspapers and books regularly.

Today the county libraries are a shining feature for all four municipalities, offering events, Wi-Fi, children's programming and more.

Sullivan is proud of the county libraries and hopes to further expand the collection and what the institution offers to the Haliburton Highlands.

"The more we develop the more services people would like," she said.

*\*Joel Levis did not wish to be included in the story.*

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# Flu vaccine offers less protection against influenza this winter

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Despite a change in the strain in the influenza vaccine being offered this winter, health officials are still urging residents to get a flu shot.

The change has resulted in this year's shot being less effective than vaccines offered in past years, said Anne Marie Holt, director of communicable disease and epidemiology and evaluation with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

"So what's happened this year is the influenza A strain that is circulating has changed a little bit from the influenza virus strain that's contained in the vaccine," said Holt. "So basically approximately 50 per cent of the influenza A

strain that's circulating in the community, so the actual influenza virus that's circulating, about 50 per cent of what's circulating doesn't match the same strain that's contained in the vaccine for this year only."

The influenza strain that is going around has changed due to the virus being able to mutate itself, a prime example of why the vaccine is changed from year to year, said Holt.

Vaccine strains are determined on an international level, which is then carried out by the local health unit.

"The World Health Organization basically makes a determination on what they expect the circulating strains to be globally and then they make recommendations as to what should be the strains contained in the vaccine," said the director. "Over time the actual flu virus changes,

that's why people need to actually get the flu vaccine annually."

The health care professional still encourages those who typically get the flu shot to do the same this year, despite the strain being different.

"It doesn't mean the flu vaccine won't work," said Holt. "It's still the most effective way to prevent influenza and people who haven't got it should continue to get it, even this season."

Because of the strain mis-match, Holt predicts this season will see more people with influenza, even if they have been immunized.

However there are other strains contained in the vaccine that will offer protection.

"It's important to note that the virus has only changed a little bit, so there's cross-protection that you still get from the flu

vaccine," said Holt. "There are other flu strains that will circulate later in the season that the vaccine is expected to contain, like the influenza B component."

Those recommended to get the vaccine are anyone over the age of six months, particularly young children, elderly adults and pregnant women.

The vaccine is available for free throughout Ontario and can be received at most local pharmacies and from any health-care practitioner in the area.

Residents can still get the shot throughout the winter and well into the spring, said Holt.

For more information about the flu shot, the HKPR Health Unit can be reached at 1-866-888-4577.



## Time for a skate

Haliburton resident Andre Nichol takes a skate on Head Lake on Monday, Dec. 29. Nichol, a Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate, took advantage of the sub-zero temperatures to skate on the lake that he calls perfect conditions.

**Darren Lum Staff**



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# St. George's church hosts community lunch

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

Volunteers came together to serve up a Christmas lunch for free to anyone who wanted one on Tuesday, Dec. 30 at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton.

At the suggestion of John Neving, the main cook at Dublin Gate restaurant, church members came together to serve

up ham, potatoes, veggies and desserts with musical accompaniment.

After the first hour, 28 people had come in and Bill Gliddon, Glenda Burk and Easton Burk were entertaining with Christmas songs.

"It's very rewarding is all I can say," Neving said after the first round of food went out to the tables.

Food was donated as was the workers' time.

Above, Glenda Burk, Easton Burk, 4, and Bill Gliddon sing Christmas favourites at St. George's Anglican Church on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at a free luncheon. Dublin Gate's main cook John Neving came up with the idea and the event was run by church volunteers.

Left, Curtis Eastmure serves ham at St. George's Anglican Church on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at a free luncheon.

**Photos by Jenn Watt**



## Tips to stay safe on the ice

Ice is never 100 per cent safe even though you may have tested the thickness. If you do venture out on the ice, the Ontario Provincial Police has provided the following tips to help you stay safe.

- Check the weather: Do not go out on warm or stormy days.
- Do not travel on ice if you have consumed alcohol or drugs.
- Do not travel on ice alone or in the dark.
- Keep away from unfamiliar paths or ice.
- Never go out on the ice alone—always have a buddy with you.
- Always let someone know your destination and time of return.
- Children should be accompanied by an adult when out on the ice.
- Carry a small survival kit on your person - including ice picks, rope, a

lighter, waterproof matches, magnesium fire starter, pocket knife, compass and whistle.

Ice is constantly changing in response to weather and water conditions and is affected by many different factors including thickness, currents, age of the ice, pressure cracks and snow cover.

East region OPP encourages everyone to stay off the ice when conditions are obviously dangerous especially in the early winter and late spring. If in doubt, don't go out!

For more information from the OFSC go to their website at [www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca) or visit the Canadian Red Cross at [www.redcross.ca/what-we-do/swimming-and-water-safety/swimming,-boating-and-water-safety-tips/ice-safety](http://www.redcross.ca/what-we-do/swimming-and-water-safety/swimming,-boating-and-water-safety-tips/ice-safety).

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## GAIN team to help frail elderly

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

A new health-care initiative to support frail seniors is coming to Haliburton County through Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

The Local Health Integration Network for the Central East region approved a plan to establish a GAIN team for Haliburton at their Dec. 17 board meeting.

"A GAIN team is a geriatric assessment and intervention network team,"

explained Katie Cronin-Wood, communications lead for the Central East LHIN.

"That's where you put together a group of health-care providers who are focused on meeting the needs of the frail elderly."

The idea is to provide a wide range of specialists – anyone from a geriatrician to a dietitian – to assess and assist frail seniors with their health-care needs.

The GAIN model has already been implemented at four hospitals in the LHIN and seven additional communities.

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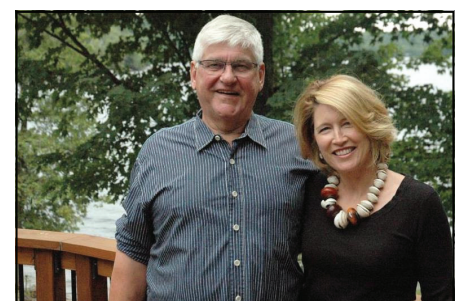
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## Resolution

I'M NOT USUALLY one for New Year's resolutions, but this year. One presented itself to me that is relatively easy to accomplish and potentially life saving.

It all started in the post office.

I arrived during the lunch hour during the busy pre- Christmas rush. I knew it would take a while, but didn't anticipate the 50-minute wait I was about to endure.

The sole worker at the only open kiosk kept her cool even as the room heated up with more and more people and as tired expressions turned into grunts and then flat out complaints.

People in front and behind me shuffled in their spots, peeling off layers of winter clothing as our collective body heat warmed up the ever-shrinking free space.

After 20 minutes in the line I sent out a tweet jokingly asking if anyone would take a shift holding my spot in line. By 40 minutes I was more curious to see how long it could possibly take to send a package in Haliburton two weeks before Christmas.

As a second worker arrived and began helping out, the line started to move. A silver-haired man in front of me stepped up to the counter for his turn. He seemed tired. Maybe the lengthy wait had got to him.

He bent over the stamp display, his face just an inch or so over the surface. Then he slumped to the side.

"Sir, are you OK?" the worker asked. "Sir?" She touched his arm. His knees began to give and a woman from the line ran in to help him. She asked for help and I grabbed his other arm.

What was happening?

Someone asked if anyone in the

room had any medical training. No response.

We all crowded around the man, laying him on the ground on his side. I grabbed my cellphone, hands shaking, and dialed 911.

My mind filled with panicked thoughts – most of which ended with the sinking realization that I wasn't equipped to help much more than I already had. I had once taken a Heart

and Stroke Foundation CPR Anytime course, but that was more than five years ago. The lessons weren't fresh in my mind.

On the other end of the line, the dispatcher asked a series of questions and it seemed the man was doing OK.

Not long after, paramedics arrived to take over.

The immediate relief I felt was followed swiftly by what ifs. What if we hadn't been in Haliburton but in Fort Irwin, far from the ambulance base? What if this had been a heart attack?

According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the majority of people who witness cardiac arrest don't do CPR. I would venture to guess that most people who witness any medical issue don't step in for fear of doing the wrong thing.

It was a helpless, frightening feeling, but one that alerted me to a concrete step I could take to be a more useful, responsible community member.

For those in the same boat as me, perhaps "take a first aid course" could be tacked on to the list of New Year's resolutions.

I can't think of a better goal to set for 2015 than to be ready to help in others' time of need.



**Jenn Watt**  
Editor



Winter birch sky

by Darren Lum

## Lightness

HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone. I hope that 2015 is going to be a great one for you and your family and friends. At this time of year many of us contemplate our lives, what we are doing, what is working and what isn't. We dream about things being different or new or better. I recently got a note from a friend who is a yoga teacher in Huntsville (Ahimsa located downtown) and in it she talked about how "Sankalpa" is the sanskrit word for intention.

Creating daily intentions can drive our energy and actions.

It also helps us to look at the big picture, as in: What do I want for my life in this new year of 2015? How do I want to feel? What is important? What can I let go of? What do I want to invite in? This line of questioning offers us insight.

To create intention is, in essence, to live mindfully allowing us to shape our existence.

And so, as I did my yoga practice on New Year's Eve, I was contemplating an intention about how I could bring more lightness and ease into every posture in my practice – even the ones that are really demanding and that I don't like doing, but are good for me. I tried to bring as much effort and relaxation into every pose. And after an hour of practicing that on my mat, the real work begins of taking that lightness and ease into the postures/ the demands of my life as a mother,

wife, daughter, teacher, friend, volunteer and creative being.

Really the yoga mat is a place to practice these ideas and philosophies, but the real work is how you can take that learning into your everyday interactions. In the most demanding yoga postures we practice, letting go of unnecessary tension, negative self talk and any comparing or judging of ourselves. And then we practice those techniques in the demanding postures of life.

The idea is to work skillfully and coax the body into the postures. Being harsh, severe or abrupt is never helpful when practising yoga and I think we can all agree those qualities are never helpful in real life situations. In the end, we want the yoga practice to be something that is sustainable so that we will keep practising,

and we want our intentions to be sustainable. If they aren't, they need to be adjusted. The yogis would say that it is important to tune into your intentions for a few moments every day and if you do that they will manifest more fully in your life. When you take the time to create an intention you are setting yourself up for success! And that is a great way to start off another great year of living on the planet! I'll report back in January 2016 about how my intention of living with more lightness and ease goes. Good luck with your intentions!



**Lynda Shadbolt**  
Tales from The Great Green Meadow

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# points of view

## Flask back

**N**OW THAT CHRISTMAS is over, I think it's time to dispel rumours that are flying around town about me having a drinking problem.

I categorically deny that I have none – I mean one.

Ah, you say, but what about the flask?

Well, it was a theatrical prop that went rogue.

Permit me to explain.

I suppose all my troubles began when director Julie Barban asked Moose FM radio personality Rick Lowes and me to take on the pivotal roles of Big Mice in her version of the *Nutcracker*.

She did it in a way that says volumes about her skill managing dancers. She emailed us simultaneously.

Not wanting to be the bad guy on this, I did my first bit of dancing around with, "I'll do it if Rick does."

Minutes later, she replied, "Rick is in. See you at the rehearsal!"



**Steve Galea**

Loon Tales

To this day, I'm not sure if she even received a response from Rick at that time.

Most likely Rick replied to her initial question the same way I did with "I'll do it if Steve does."

But enough about the directorial genius of Julie.

Other than to say she showed even more genius by asking Rick and I to "make the characters our own" – which is where the flask initially entered into the equation.

The reason for it was that an abundance of acting ability, charm, stage presence and good looks made it virtually impossible for us not to steal the show or to forever after be referred to as the George Clooney and Brad Pitt of Haliburton County.

(Please stop. It's embarrassing. Besides, George Clooney is not pronounced Danny DeVito.)

The question, as you can well imagine, was how to distract from this issue.

The answer was that flask, along with sunglasses, mouse ears and nose and a few mouse traps.

It worked too.

Right after we embraced the use of these props, the influx of people asking for autographs stopped. And, since prior to that no one had worked up the nerve, Rick and I were able to take back the Sharpie markers we had bought for just such an event.

To make a long story short, it was after the first rehearsal with the flask, when I was on my way home, that I remembered my promise to pick up a few household items.

So I parked my truck and walked to three different stores filled with Christmas shoppers. This required me to stroll up and down Main Street a couple of times too. And it was only when I got back in my car that I remembered the silver whisky flask (though empty) was in my back pocket, clearly visible the whole time.

On that day, I ran into and walked away from several people I know – and a few more who recognized me from this column's head shot.

I remember one muttering as I walked away, "So that explains all those columns."

I'll admit, I didn't understand what she was talking about at the time, however.

But, as I said, when I got back to the car, it all became clear to me. So I laughed, took the flask out of my back pocket and placed it on the passenger seat, where it sat for another week or so. In that time, I had several conversations with people who walked up to my vehicle and offered season's greetings. And no doubt they saw the flask too.

I even noticed one looking at it and said, "Don't worry, it's empty" before driving away.

The point here is I believe people got the wrong impression of me. And perhaps my frequent visits to the LCBO – which is where I go to get my cardboard boxes for my business – have not helped, especially since everyone there seems to know me by my first name.

So to set the record straight, I have never even filled that flask. It was given to me by a bear outfitter up north after a successful hunt.

Having explained all this, I think need a drink.



## pic of the past

**S**id's Esso Service, owned and operated by Sid Jennings on County Road 1 in Gelert in the 1950s. Shortly after this picture was taken a snack bar was added for his wife Jean to run. It was so popular they converted the two bays of the station into a small dining room, then in the late '60s a large dining room was added, and was known as Gelert Gardens Restaurant and Tavern, serving Chinese and Canadian Cuisine. Submitted by Terry Carr, granddaughter of Sid and Jean

## letters to the editor

# No favourites in Highlands East

To the Editor,

It's too bad that some folks who live in Ward 3 of Highlands East have nothing better to do than try to keep the old Gooderham/Wilberforce jealousy alive; people in Wards 1, 2 and 4 do not seem to have any antipathy toward other communities.

There are some reasons why the community of Wilberforce *appears* to have gotten ahead of Gooderham: (1) *many* years ago someone in Wilberforce pursued the founding of the Red Cross Outpost, now due to the diligent work of Wilberforce folks, it is a historic site. Apparently no one in Gooderham thought about such an advancement back then; (2) also in that era Fred Agnew (who married a niece of Gooderham's Alice Hunter) bought a store in Wilberforce and look at what the latest generation of Agnews have made of it! The Agnew family also bought the store in Gooderham that is now Gooderham Food Mart, and Ross Agnew and his wife Victoria moved to Gooderham and ran that store for many years. Vicki was an R.N. and was a great benefit to this community and Ross also played a role in the community serving as Glamorgan representative on the Haliburton County Board of Education. Gooderham benefited from the Agnew-of-Wilberforce expertise. (3) In the 1950s the *people* in Wilberforce built an arena with the blessing of Monmouth council – Gooderham residents used that arena for hockey, figure-skating and pleasure skating the same as Wilberforce residents but when Monmouth Council asked for financial help to maintain the arena Glamorgan council always gave them short shrift.

The industrious people of Wilberforce also organized a citizens' fire department which ran without municipal support until provincial legislation required that it be a part of the municipal operation. In the 1950s Gary Agnew was elected reeve in Monmouth and started a political momentum that carried through to the amalgamation. Glamorgan/Gooderham, on the other hand, sputtered along on the premise that "what was good enough for grandfather is good enough for all future generations" until Vicki Agnew changed that perspective when she successfully ran for reeve in 1966 and Gooderham has benefited from good leadership and good administrative support since that time. Geography also has a bearing on the development of the two communities – "downtown" Gooderham is in a flood-plain, Wilberforce is on a sand flat – also a portion of Wilberforce is in Cardiff Township, a factor that was only relevant before amalgamation. There have been a few other things that caused a ruckus from time to time, particularly when sports were involved but it's time to join the 21st century and put the 20th century angst behind us.

I occasionally browse the Internet for changes to provincial legislation as it pertains to municipalities so I am aware that the role of councils has changed dramatically over the last few years. I monitor the municipality's website quite frequently and find absolutely no favouritism towards Wilberforce (or any other community) by Highlands East council.

Elva Bates  
Resident Ward 3

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# points of view

letters to the editor

## Full time/part-time/caring citizens

To the Editor,

As a full time firefighter with some 30 years of service and a life long cottager I have sat many a day or night on my dock and watched our local first responders driving along Hwy #118 to assist someone in our local community in their time of need.

Despite our cottage being closed up now for the winter season, I still stay connected to Haliburton by receiving the *Echo* each week. Fire is tragic to anyone whom has been directly impacted by it. Fire is fast moving, and can strike at any time to anybody. Fire has no "favourites". When it does strike in our community we rely on our local volunteer firefighters or "volies" as we often refer to them, to come to our aid. And that they do.

Unfortunately there has been much tragedy this past year in the Haliburton area. From multiple serious car accidents, the Haliburton Feed Company fire in November, and now the Dunloe Farm fire in December. I am compelled to write to say a special "thank you" to Chief Maughan and the Dysart firefighters for your continued efforts to assist when needed. You have my utmost respect for the job you do. Remember

there is a reason why these firefighters are called "volies". They do this not for money, but because they care about their community and are watching out for our neighbours.

But I would be remiss if I did not mention the true heroic efforts of four individuals within our community. Chris Dobbins and Bharat Bhaga for their efforts on Dec 13 in relation to an overturned vehicle, and of course Barry Miscio and Joe Voicey in their actions at the Dunloe fire on Dec 10. These men do not get paid for what they did, they do not even have the luxury of PPE (personal protective equipment). There actions DID save lives. They are heroes in every sense of the word. If I ever see any of these fine gents in town, I will tip my hat to each of them. A job very well done indeed.

So to all you "volies" - thank you. Full time or part time, fire does not distinguish who is responding. I have luckily never needed our local fire service. I hope I never do. But should I, my family, or my neighbours need them I know they will be well served. Once again thank you to all our volies. Stay safe.

Doug Harper Loon Lake  
Acting District Chief  
Toronto Fire Services

## Grateful during power outage

To the Editor,

I was one of the several hundreds of people who spent Christmas Day without power. That 18-hour period made me very grateful. Grateful for the mild temperatures outside. Grateful to have people in my life who don't think twice about offering up their homes or cooking Christmas dinner unexpectedly. Grateful to realize that many Hydro One workers were missing their own Christmas dinners to ensure that I would have heat. And late Christmas night, after a personal call from Hydro One to let me know my power was back on, grateful to drive home to a warm, brightly lit house!

Gena Robertson

## McConnells thank community

To the Editor,

Although we were devastated by the fire that destroyed our home and pets in West Guilford on Dec. 10, we were overwhelmed by the love and support of our community.

The bravery demonstrated by Barry Miscio and Joe Voicey when they entered our smoke-filled house to rescue Darlene was exemplary.

We will always be grateful to the Haliburton and Algon-

quin Highlands fire departments, our neighbours Theresa and Darren Johnston for taking Darlene into their home to wait for the ambulance, to Derwyn Barry and his workers who dragged our vehicles to safety, to all who donated money, clothing and food, to Sandy Stevens who organized the support and set up the trust fund.

We also thank our pastor Rev Bev and Pat Hicks and our church family Northland Faith Church for their prayers and support.

We also appreciated the efforts of Ed and Doreen Hodgins, Darlene's parents, for taking us into their home.

It will take a while to get our lives back on track, but with the community support and prayers we have received we are in great shape.

I came to Haliburton 42 years ago. At that time I told my friends in Peterborough I was only planning to stay five years, and would be returning to civilization. Boy was I wrong. I am truly humbled. In the 1970s there was a slogan "Haliburton is for Lovers." Regardless of whether truth or fiction, I do know for certain that there is a lot of love in Haliburton.

Dale McConnell

## Dr. Jenn Morrow saved my dog's life

To the Editor,

Wednesday night my nine-year-old standard poodle Toby bloated. Gastric dilation and volvulus syndrome (also known as bloat or torsion) is a life threatening condition not uncommon in large and deep chested dogs where the stomach twists, often times involving or threatening other organs. Bloat has a high mortality rate if not attended to with great speed and skill.

I am writing to thank Dr. Morrow and Emily Thackeray for their time and energy that went into Toby's surgery. I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart for their kindness and compassion in working to save Toby, but also for the care and kindness they showed to me during a very stressful time. In saving Toby's life, Dr. Morrow gave me a lifetimes worth of Christmas miracles. The entire staff of the Minden Animal Hospital over the past days of recovery have been kind, generous, helpful, and always willing to lend a hug. They have been professional, courteous, and I could not imagine finding a better care team anywhere in the world!

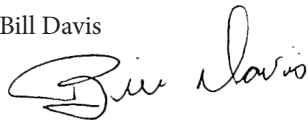
Christopher O'Mara

### Thank you

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Haliburton Echo for the article on my tenure on Council with Dysart et al and County Council. It has been both an honour and a privilege to serve the residents as Deputy Reeve, Reeve and Warden during my time at the Council tables. I have met and worked with some great people over the years and will never forget what great things we have accomplished during this time.

I am positively overwhelmed with the number of emails, phone calls, visits, letters, certificates, cards and gifts I have received and am still receiving from people in appreciation for my service and commitment to Haliburton. Again, the pleasure was mine. Haliburton truly is a diamond in the rough and I am very proud to call it my home.

Bill Davis



## Revelations on the cat problem

To the Editor,

No domestic animal should be abandoned to fend for itself. Why do some people feel they can treat cats as disposable? Whether they are feral or abandoned domestic cats, they are all homeless. Society and local governments are overdue to take responsibility to do something about this situation. Keith Stata in Kinmount and many other volunteers have been using their own money to help homeless cats. These volunteers deserve the support of local township governments to assist them in dealing with the issue.

We are extremely grateful that Highlands East has a program with a budget for the spay/neuter of homeless cats and a shelter for them. There is nothing like this in other townships of Haliburton County, or in any of the other counties in

Ontario where we have spoken to animal rescue volunteers. Without the help of Highlands East township we would not have been able to rescue all of the cats we have helped in recent years.

Our previous councillor, Steve Kauffeldt, has left us with plans for improvements to the shipping container shelter that will greatly reduce the costs of operating it. Steve did wonderful work with regard to the cat's issues and is a true friend to homeless cats.

Barb Schofield  
Highlands East Cat Rescue Volunteer



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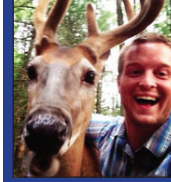
## Food for Kids gets yoga fundraiser infusion

Throughout December, yoga instructor Lynda Shadbolt held "Get Your Happy On" sessions at Haliburton's Baked and Battered Cafe. Admission was by donation, with all proceeds going to Food for Kids. Every \$10 donation gave participants a chance to win a piece of pottery by Thom Lambert. There was also a Rhubarb gift certificate up for grabs. The effort raised more than \$1,500, which Shadbolt presented to Aaron Walker of Food for Kids on Jan. 3. From left are Thom Lambert, Craig Gordon of Baked and Battered, Lynda Shadbolt, Aaron Walker, Colby Marcellus and Alex Bell, who made the coffee. Food for Kids is looking for volunteers in Highlands East and Haliburton. For more information, visit [www.foodforkids.ca](http://www.foodforkids.ca). /Chad Ingram Staff

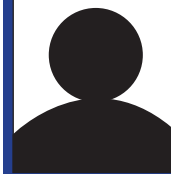
## Online Opinions: Tweets and messages from readers

**We asked: What are your resolutions for 2015?**

**You answered:**



**Andrew Brown:**  
*New Year's Resolution #24: Make friends with Kawartha Dairy staff so they can send me eggnog year round.*



**Tammy Holland Warburton:**  
*To be genuinely happy.*



**Bob Noble:**  
*To be retired and see if I can find that special picture of the Big Fire In Haliburton back in 1986.*

Answer our weekly question online through Facebook [www.facebook.com/HaliburtonEcho](http://www.facebook.com/HaliburtonEcho) or Twitter @HaliburtonEcho.



# Wildlife

in your backyard



Tracey Lear sent in this photo of bald eagles on Soyers Lake. She said she saw four of them where the ice met the open water.



Paul Nolan brought in this photo of a three-legged fawn at his home in West Guilford on Pine Lake.



This chickadee was enjoying its Christmas feast up on Pelaw. Photo by Laura Smith

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# Keeping score at Wilberforce arena

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Skaters and hockey players in Highlands East will be keeping score and time with the help of a new electronic board in the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce.

Installed at the start of hockey season this past fall, the board was an initiative of the Old Rec FUNraising committee, said committee member Kathy Rogers.

The score clock cost a total of \$6,000, replacing an old clock that had been in the arena for 40 years, she said.

"The funding was covered entirely by our volunteer fundraising," said Rogers. "All done by local volunteers."

Wayne Quibell of Highland Creek Builders donated a carved bear to the Bank of Nova Scotia, who then raised \$600 through raffle ticket sales for the bear.

Employees at the bank then matched the \$600, bringing in a total of \$1,200 for the clock project.

In addition the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #624 donated \$200 to the cause.

The remaining funds came from past Maple Syrup Festivals held at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre and past tent rentals done by the committee.

The clock features LED lighting and was in full use during a free public skate on Dec. 30, 2014, which saw about 40 people attend.

Next on their radar, the committee plans to raise funds to replace the flooring in the lobby portion of the arena.

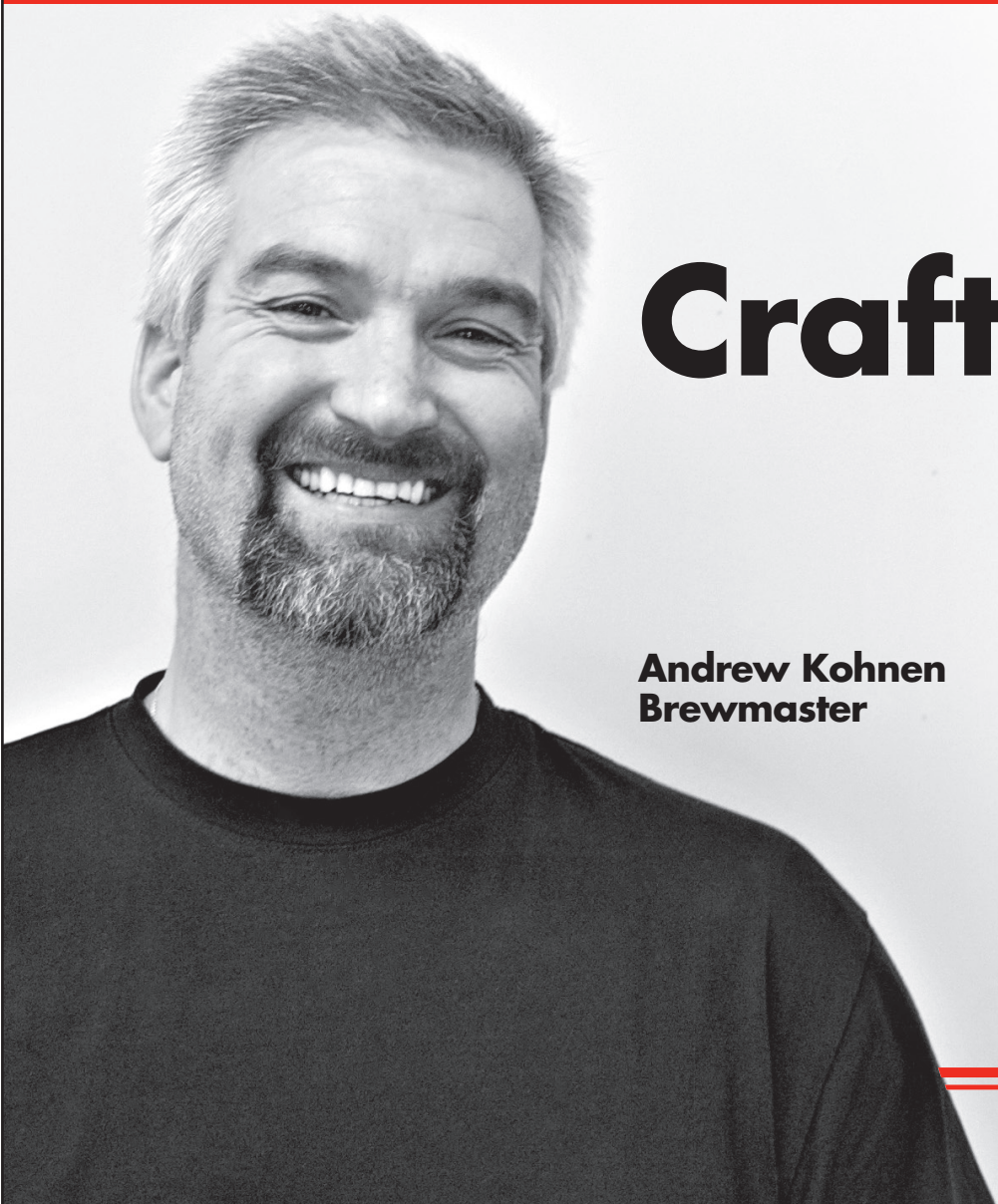
"Right now you can't walk out to the snack bar with your skates on," she said.

Rogers said the committee will be applying for grant funding to help cover the project, as well as raise funds at the next penny raffle in 2015.



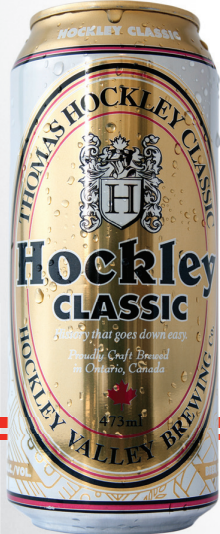
Children and adults enjoy a free public skate at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce on Dec. 30, 2014. The arena recently received an upgrade in the form of a new time/score clock, seen behind, to the tune of \$6,000. Funds for the clock were raised by community volunteers and employees at the Wilberforce Bank of Nova Scotia.

Photo By Angelica Blenich



**Andrew Kohnen**  
Brewmaster

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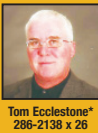
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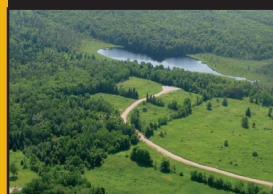
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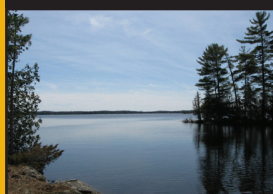
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David Lee 286-2138 x 27

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- Recently built Guildcrest home
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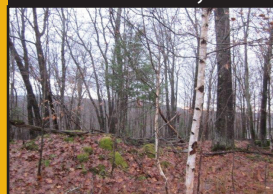
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# Tourism money always welcome, Fearrey says

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Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey said the grant is good news for the Highlands and its tourism sector.

"It's all positive," he said. "Anytime you can get money that helps tourism it's great."

Through the same development program, the Algonquin Gateway Tourist and Business Association was the recipient of \$5,750, to go towards creating a GeoTour.

This past July members of the Geocaching committee, a sub-

committee of the Algonquin Gateway Tourism and Business Association, introduced the idea of a GeoTour to Highlands East council, as reported in the *Haliburton County Echo*.

Council supported the project and contributed \$2,300 to go towards the initial \$11,500 needed to start up the tour.

Committee members Joanne Vanier and Mary Barker told councillors they hoped to have the GeoTour up and running by April 2015.



## Celebrating the new year

Playing the banjo and accordion, the Pickards played a range of upbeat songs to ring in the new year with residents at Extendicare long-term care home in Haliburton on the afternoon of Dec. 31. Left, Bob Becker and Margaret Murray dance their way toward the new year.

/Jenn Watt Staff



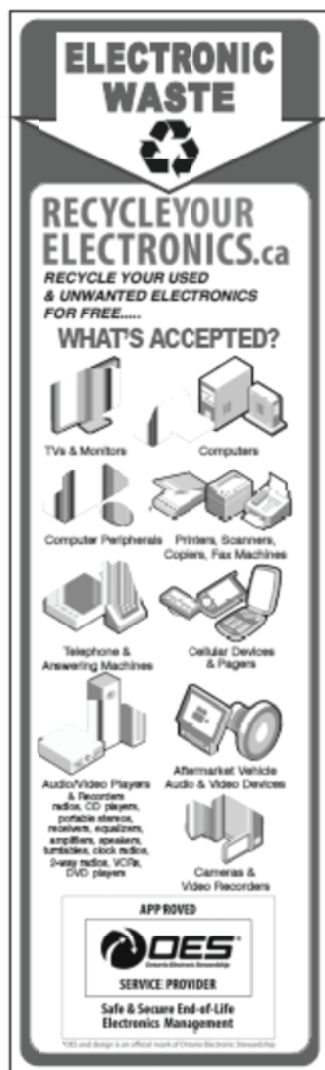
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## HCPL's Staff Pick

*Three Day Road* by Joseph Boyden

Julie Thornton, branch supervisor at HCPL's Wilberforce branch recommends *Three Day Road* by Joseph Boyden.

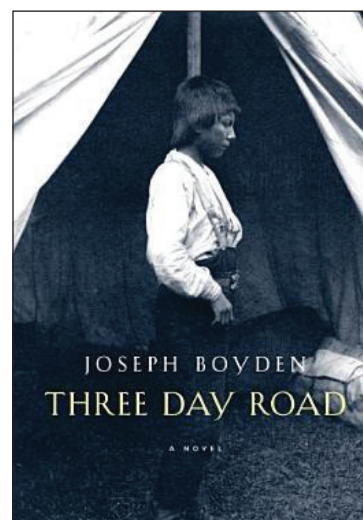
Xavier and Elijah have left their pristine northern country to serve in the horrific trenches of the First World War. Xavier returns physically and psychologically wounded and dependent on morphine.

As he travels home with his aunt, Niska, by canoe, his story is told in a series of flashbacks from the war.

As he and Niska exchange tales, he travels on his own three-day road embarking on a journey of healing.

Julie says: "I found this book to be very eye-opening for me with regards to the treatment of Natives by our society. I have been inspired to do more reading and research into Native history since reading *Three Day Road*. This book touched me on a very emotional level and caused me to really look inside myself in terms of how I view and treat others."

*Three Day Road* by Joseph Boyden is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.



**This book touched me on a very emotional level and caused me to really look inside myself ...**

— Julie Thornton  
on *Three Day Road*

## Another year begins

Gerald Irish  
A Senior's Moment

As I approach the end of my life – and let's be honest about it, we all will face it one day – I give great thanks to be allotted this time, to know and to love the people in my life, to have lived through great times and bad times, to have seen so many changes in our world and way of life: wars and peace, fabulous experiments aiding and threatening mankind, trips to space and home again to our planet, dictators rise and fall and democracy grow as a political ideology: fabulous. Wonderful times and I have been there through it all. Somebody up there must like me to allow me to live during all these changing and expanding times.

2015 will bring what? I am awaiting this coming time with great anticipation.

May we all learn to live and grow. May peace prevail in our world. May we, as seniors, spend our remaining days surrounded by love and laughter. We have earned these things.

Happy New Year to all of you from Joan and me and our families.



# Minor hockey

## Tough loss for Bantam A

The Bantam A team lost 4-3 against the Huntsville Otters last Friday. It was an exciting game, as the Storm knew that Huntsville would be a challenge. Although Huntsville was dominating the first period, Storm managed a rush, a couple of shots and Patterson-Smith snapped it in, giving Storm a 1-0 lead. Minutes into the second, the Otters tied it up. Cooper managed a sweet wrap around, halfway through the second and the Storm took the lead, which didn't last long. Flood pushed hard, stole the puck and scored, unassisted, but once more the Otters answered back. It was late in the third when the Otters got the go-ahead goal and time ticked away before the Storm could react.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.

*Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke*

## Tykes game ends in tie

The Tom Prentice and Sons Tyke team had some tough competition this past weekend. Storm worked hard on Friday, Jan. 2, but it wasn't quite enough to pull out a win against the South Muskoka Bears. Storm out shot the Bears, but their goalie stood strong, with a defeat of 5-4.

The next day, Storm took on Muskoka Rock in Minden. This game, again, challenged our team. Storm held their ground, with shot after shot, ending in a 4-4 tie. Great team work by all.

Storm's next face off will be Sunday, Jan. 11 at 4 p.m. in Bracebridge. It's sure to be a nail biter!

*Submitted by Andrea Prentice*

## Atom A takes on Shamrocks

### Game 1

The RM Carpentry Atom A Highland Storm was raging from the opening face-off. In the first, defenceman Mills stepped up to a loose puck squirting out of the crease, and hammered it home for the 1-0 lead. Things calmed down in the second, but the Storm didn't let up, with some solid forechecking from Winder, Phippen and Boom Boom. Then a shot from the Parry Sound point was handled by Storm goalie Maddock, but the Shamrocks jumped on the rebound, 1-1. Late in the second, Glecoff took the puck coast to coast and let a shot go in the crease, nice save, but as Boom Boom and Phippen swung at the rebound, the puck found the back of the net to take the lead 2-1. Despite the Shamrocks pulling the goalie late in the third, the Storm hung on to their thin lead, for the win.

### Game 2

After a lunch time layover, Parry Sound wanted revenge, after their first loss to the Storm this year. But the Storm took the lead at 27 seconds into the 1st, with a goal from Phippen and Vargas. Glecoff, with one of his end to end rushes, crashed the net and took a goaltender interference penalty, which led to a Shamrock power play goal, 1-1. In the 2nd, Winder walked out from the corner behind the Parry Sound net, evaded the goalie's poke, and scored to take the lead 2-1. In the 3rd, the Storm dominated the game with aggressive forechecking from the entire roster, suffocating the Shamrocks. Maddock came up big to protect the lead with some Sport-centre highlights reel saves. Winder added another with a precision shot from below the goal line that rebounded off the back of the goalie. The Storm takes this one 3-1, winning both games of the double header and sends a message to the team that we will most probably meet in the first round of the playoffs.

*Submitted by Jason Glecoff*

## Peewee A team wins tournament

On Dec. 29, the Minden Pharmasave Highland Storm Peewee A team headed to Lakefield to compete in the Marshall Memorial Peewee Tournament. The first game was against the Ennismore Eagles. This game was interesting as it may prove to be a playoff match-up down the road. Less than three minutes into the first period, Highland Storm's Zach Morissette scored, assisted by Joe Boice. The boys all fought hard to preserve the one goal lead, but with three minutes left in the third period,

Ennismore managed to tie the game, resulting in a 1-1 final. In the second game, Highland Storm met the Baltimore Ice Dogs. Morissette scored in the first period and Boice in the second, both assisted by Nigel Smith. Ryan Hall scored in the third period, assisted by Boice, and the team finished the game with a 3-0 shutout.

Highland Storm advanced to the championship game versus the Woodville Hurricanes. In a very evenly matched game, Highland Storm's Tyson Clements, assisted by Isaac Little, scored 11 seconds into the first period ... and that was to be the only goal scored in the game! Congratulations to goalie, Ethan Glecoff, who allowed only one goal against Highland Storm in the tournament.

Congratulations to the entire Highland Storm Peewee A Team for working hard and playing three solid games of hockey to come away with the championship! Well done team!

*Submitted by Cheryl Patterson*

## Novices play well in Tweed

The Canadian Tire Novices had a great holiday season and hope that all of their fans did as well. They had some time off but also played some great games over the last couple of weeks.

On Dec. 19 they travelled to Wilberforce to face the Bancroft Jets. With a few wins against this team under their belts they knew what they were in for. The skated hard, played as a team and came out on top once again with a 8-0 win.

On Dec. 27 they faced Oro Thunder a team that is undefeated. They played hard but the game ended in a 6-0 loss for Highland Storm.

On Jan. 2 the Canadian Tire Novices travelled to Tweed to participate in a one-day tournament. They had a fantastic day and played as a team. The first game had them facing the Port Hope Phantoms. Highland Storm started the game off with the first goal and battled hard the entire game. They squeaked by with a 4-3 win. The second game of the day had Highland Storm playing a team from Quebec the Seigneurs de Soulange. Highland Storm walked away with a 17-0 win, putting them in the A finals against the Center Hastings Grizzlies. This game provided to be Storm's toughest game of the day. They gave it their best but ended up coming short in the end. The final score of the final game was 4-2 for Center Hastings. In all it was a great day and the team played well.

The Canadian Tire Novices then played the Huntsville Otters on Jan. 3, where they took their fifth loss of regular season.

Come cheer on the Highland Storm Novices at their final regular season game in Minden on Jan. 10 at 1:30 p.m. when they face the South Muskoka Bears.

*Submitted by Tracey Gilbert*

## Girls beat out Kats

The Minden Car Quest midget B girls travelled to Peterborough on Saturday night for their first game after the school winter break. The Storm showed some rust as they took to the ice to challenge the Ice Kats for first place bragging rights.

After a scoreless first period, Alicia McLean opened the scoring in the second period with a goal mouth forehand-backhand deke to fool the Ice Kat tender. Erin Little put the Storm up 2-0 with a beauty top shelf wrister finishing off a neutral zone rush. The Ice Kats tried to claw their way back late in the second where they slapped in a goal mouth scramble 2-1 marker.

The Storm continued to step up their level of play in the third period and shut down the Peterborough offensive attack as well as adding three more unanswered goals to solidify the 5-1 first place win. Kennal Marsden scored on the power play with a wrister from the point, Alicia McLean added her second of the game and Kelsey Maracle rounded out the scoring finishing off a late period rush with a snap shot going high glove side.

Great team effort girls, battling through weather, bumps, bruises and ouchies. Next home game is Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. in Haliburton.

The Lindsay Lynx are in town at the A.J. LaRue arena. The Storm will use the game to help them gear up for the Orillia Hawks Tournament this weekend - Jan. 9 to 11. Good luck girls!

*Submitted by Dan Marsden*



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# Carving good times

## Snow season

Clockwise, from right, the view from the highest point at Sir Sam's looks over a frozen Eagle Lake; a person on a ski bike (latest winter activity, which is permitted at Sir Sam's but not available as a rental) traverses a slope; a skier looks down a run with Eagle Lake in the distance; and a snowboarder takes a rail at the "x course" during the holidays last week.

As of Friday, Jan. 2, the ski hill had all seven lifts operating with 11/14 (expectations of all 14 runs open over the past weekend) runs open. See sirsams.com for up-to-date conditions and for more details regarding operating hours and lift fees.



## Those Other Movies Presents



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Photos by  
Darren Lum







### Donations to the Great Haliburton Feed Company

The Haliburton and District Lion Jane van Nood dropped by to deliver a \$200 cheque from the Lions to The Great Haliburton Feed Company owners Charles McAleaney and Maureen Adams (absent from the photo) at their temporary location at 33 Hops Drive in Haliburton to help with the extra expenses for the animals as a result of the fire at their old location at 175 Industrial Road.

## Notice



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Subsection 17 (34) of the *Planning Act*

**File No.:** 4624-OPA-013  
**Subject Land:** Con 8 Lt 17 RP 1 Lt 4 and Pt Lt 9 and 10, Block Q  
**Address:** 37 Pine Avenue  
**Municipality:** Municipality of Dysart et al (Geographic Township of Dysart)  
**Applicant:** Municipality of Dysart et al (Slote)

**TAKE NOTICE:** A complete application has been received by the County of Haliburton Planning Department to amend the Municipality of Dysart et al Official Plan, as amended.

**DATE:** January 28th, 2015  
**9:30 am LOCATION:** County Council Chambers  
 11 Newcastle Street, Minden

Please Note: All comments and submissions received will become part of the public record. You will not receive a formal response to your comment, however, relevant comments received as part of the public participation process for this proposal will be considered by the decision maker for this proposal. Verbal or written submissions will not be accepted by members of Council following completion of the public hearing.

**THE PURPOSE:** The application proposes to merge two existing properties and use the consolidated parcel to develop the subject lands for a five unit residential development. The existing buildings/structures are proposed to be removed. A new structure is proposed to be constructed containing five dwelling units.

**THE AMENDMENT:** The application proposes to change the municipal official plan designation of the subject lands by adding a special policy overlay to the Residential Areas designation, to be known as Special Area SSP-8. Special Area SSP-8 would recognize the proposed use of a five unit dwelling. Special Area SSP-8 would recognize the unique configuration of the proposed merged lot and a reduced lot frontage. The Council of the Municipality of Dysart et al adopted the proposed Official Plan Amendment on the 25th of August 2014, by by-law 2014-67.

**OTHER RELATED APPLICATIONS:** The applicant applied for an amendment to the Municipality of Dysart et al Zoning (File: D14-ZB-14).

**PUBLIC MEETING:** A public meeting was held by the Municipality of Dysart et al on August 5th, 2014 at 5:00 pm at the Municipal office.

**REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION:** If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal of a request to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Director of Planning, County of Haliburton.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the County of Haliburton to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**GETTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information regarding the application is available for public inspection at the County of Haliburton Administrative Office during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 6th day of January, 2015  
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# Time for reflection

## Wilberforce

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Do hope you are warm and cozy as you are reading this. Perhaps enjoying a cup of hot tea, taking a break to check out what Jenn, Eleanor, Darren, Angelica, Chad, Hilda and others have had on their mind this week. After a month or more of Christmas-related involvements it can be a joy just to be still and quiet for a little while. Not that the worship services, concerts, celebrations and family gatherings weren't important and joyful. It is peaceful just to pause a while to read, reflect and spend time getting reacquainted with special treasures that only surface at this special time each year.

The special wreaths and ornaments, some have been in my house since childhood. Oh, the memories the tree ornaments bring: a gold trumpet from Stratford, a tiny silver slipper from the Bata Shoe Museum, a woolly sheep from St. Jacob's, some hand-painted little wooden Santas from Copenhagen, a knitted figure skate made by a friend's mother, a candy sack from a meal tray at the Oakville Hospital. And then the special ones from former young students. Oh, and there's the black clay angel from a great nephew's class project and the little white bears with bells from another great nephew's class fund raiser. And there from special family members are special Christmas music boxes to wind and play. Aunts are remembered and loved.

And when did that collection of angels start? Even the pretty cloth on the kitchen table at which I am writing brings thoughts of a pleasant day at Santa's Village in Bracebridge with my late sister and her grandson and granddaughter and our adventures with her dog Kelly.

The wonderfully crafted pottery figures Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, and the three wise men, all very Middle Eastern and all black. From a dear friend's crèche. How thoughtful of her family to give them to me.

One can never resist new pieces, but the old ones must reappear and be treasured with their memories every year.

Good news, especially for local hockey players and anyone who skates or enjoys watching ice programs.

The big clock at the east end of our arena has been refurbished. Information about games being played can again be properly displayed. Fans can now know scores, time left at various stages of games and the actual time of day too. On the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 30 to celebrate "the revival of the clock" there was a pleasant time of free skating with free cookies and cake. Most of the funds for the clock renewal were raised by volunteers mainly at all day pancakes et al at Easter Saturday Maple Fests. Thanks to Kathy Rogers and her group The Old Recs for their efforts on this project.

Family and friends of Irene Somerville were greatly saddened by her death on Friday evening Dec. 19, 2014. Irene died peacefully with family there at her home at Maple View in Wilberforce. She was in her 80th year. She was predeceased by her husband Harvey.

Though the first years of married life were in Peterborough they soon settled in Essonville. Harvey had roots there. There they lived, worked and raised their family. Irene is remembered fondly for her friendly helpful ways. Those she attended while serving in the field of health and home care speak highly of help she cheerfully provided. During Harvey's time in care and after his death she carried on, coping well. It was so good to see her driving her car, giving rides to others and getting out with them for lunch or a coffee.

She met the return of health problems with firm determination to "do it her way." And with family there for her she did.

Sympathy is extended to her daughters Marlene (Lenard) Woodcox, Diana (Ken) Knibbs, and Deborah Challacombe (Mark Kenesky), her grandchildren Brandie, Jason, Shane and Tiffany, her great-grandchildren Brittany, Jayden, Dustin, Korri-Lynn, Alyssa and Cameron, her brother and sisters and other family and friends.

Visitation was held at the funeral home in Haliburton on the morning of Dec. 24, followed by fine service led by Wayne Rutter of the Wilberforce Full Gospel Church with touching eulogies by Beryl Rutter and Joan Noble and a well chosen poem read by granddaughter Brandie. Spring interment at the Essonville cemetery.



## Wheelbarrow of Wine

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary's second Wheelbarrow of Wine fundraiser came to a close on Dec. 7. The winners were Peter and Lindsay Wilcox of Lipsy Lake who were happy to take home 41 bottles of wine plus the wheelbarrow. The members of the auxiliary donated the wine and Emmerson Lumber donated the wheelbarrow. They bought their winning ticket from auxiliary member and aunt Wendy Vermeersch. Lindsay said it was the first time she had ever won anything.

This event raised over \$4,500 which will be used to purchase equipment for the hospital. The auxiliary thanks all those who purchased tickets and made this fundraiser such a success.

Pictured: Auxiliary member Wendy Vermeersch, Lindsay Wilcox, Peter Wilcox, Auxiliary President Tracey Lear and auxiliary members Keith and Lorraine Semple and Kensington Wilcox.

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## Families host musical Christmas celebrations

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Christmastime for many is family time which proved to be the case for several local people.

The David Chumbleys had all of their family home, Christopher, Bethany, Orillia and Nichole and Jamie from Bracebridge. David and Leslie visited David's sister, Christine in Barkton. The Michael Chumbleys, like us, enjoyed music and home and games around the table. We had Beth and Paul Zuwala from St. Catharines and the Alan Coopers from Orillia on Christmas Day, and later, Philip and his fiancée Tatiana Gisler. Philip offered his wood splitting/piling skills along with Perry Morrison and Ron Smyth. Hurray for volunteering!

The Milne household included Paul and daughter, Madison Milne of Cambridge and Bruce, Crystal, Hannah and Katie from Trenton over the season. Lorraine McLeod came in from town for Christmas Day with daughter in law, Marlene Maxwell on Green Lake Road.

I am aware of a successful fundraising New Year's Eve party at the Centre, but despite frequent phone calls, no luck as to the exact details. Please phone and fill me in so that I can produce an accurate report.

Kathleen Owens is hosting a Twelfth Night party at our house on Jan. 4, for about 15 people.

P.S. Euchre at the Centre resumes on Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.

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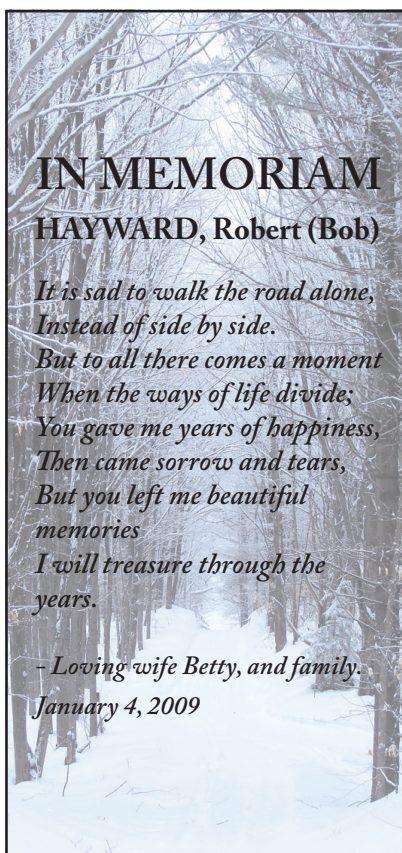
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- Loving wife Betty, and family.  
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*Though your smile  
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## Verna Lillian Dennison-Hancock (nee Kellett) April 28, 1918 – January 2, 2015

*It is with our deepest heartache that we announce the passing of Verna after a short battle with cancer. Verna passed away at the home of her daughter Pennay Hewitt, with Pennay, son Leslie and granddaughter Judy by her side. In her 97th year.*

She will be sadly missed by her daughters Ayleen Crawford of Norland, Iola (Bradley "Pud" – deceased) Hamilton of Lindsay, Pennay (Moyer-deceased) Hewitt of Angus, Leslie Dennison of Minden, Wilbert "Bill" (Pat) Dennison of Lindsay and step-mother of Marilyn (Glen) Smith of Lindsay. She will be fondly remembered by her 15 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. Dear sister of Jean Barkwell of Novar and Craig (Linda) Kellett of Ingoldsby. Verna is now with her angels, her husband's Wilbert Dennison and Milton Hancock, daughters Betty Trumbull, Joanne Dennison, parents George and Helena (nee Bolt) Kellett, granddaughter Joan Trumbull, great granddaughter Breanna Barras and by her 6 brothers and 3 sisters. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to celebrate Verna's life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place. Interment will take place in the spring at the Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers Memorial Donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.



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## Beverly 'Bev' Wilson (nee Pollard) (Resident of Gooderham, Ontario)



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### Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209** on Monday afternoon, December 29, 2014 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Tuesday morning, December 30, 2014 at 11 o'clock. Spring interment South Wilberforce Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family.

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### Celebration of Life

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.**

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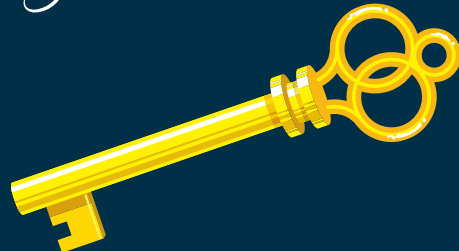
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